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FOLLOWING REPEAT CANOERRA 6969 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO SYDNEY
& PEKING DATED 23 OCT 1974:

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C O N F I D E N T I A L CANBERRA 6969

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: WILFRED BURCHETT DEFAMATION SUIT

REF: SYDNEY'S 2234 NOTAL

1. NEED FOR FORMER SENATOR KANE AND DENIS WARNER
UNCLASSIFIED VERSION ON MEETING OR ALLEGED MEETING
BETWEEN KISSINGER AND WILFRED BURCHETT IN OCT. 1971.
BURCHETT HAS STATED HE HAD BEEN INVITED BY KISSINGER
TO WASHINGTON WHERE HE BREAKFASTED WITH HAK WHO
SOUGHT HIS ADVICE ON VIETNAM PEACE TALKS AND CHINA POLICY.
EMB FILES CONTAIN ONLY BURCHETT'S VERSION (GIVEN AT
DINNER PARTY MARCH 17, 1973 AT WHICH CONGEN SYDNEY
OFFICER PRESENT. SYDNEY TELEGRAM, NO 738 OF MARCH 28,
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1973). BURCHETT ALSO GAVE INTERVIEWS TO ABC GIVING

HIS VERSION.

2. BELIEVE BURCHETT MAY INTRODUCE MEETING INTO SUIT
AS EVIDENCE HIS CREDITILITY TO THE DETRIMENT OF U.S.
INTERESTS. BELIEVE IT IS ESSENTIAL TO PROVIDE U.S.
VERSION OF BURCHETT/KISSINGER MEETING IN DEFENSE
US INTERESTS.

3. EMBASSY MAY FIND IT NECESSARY TO PROVIDE KANE
AND WARNER WITH CERTIFIED COPIES OF UNCLASSIFIED
DEPT. ANSWER TO THIS MESSAGE.

4. WARNER ADVISES CASE NOW IN PROGRESS GOING WELL
FOR DEFENDANT AND BADLY FOR BURCHETT. WITH DAMAGING
TESTIMONY AGAINST BURCHETT BY AUSTRALIAN AND BRITISH
EX-POWS BEING GIVEN WIDE PUBLICITY. TESTIMONY BY
US EX-POWS MAY BEGIN THIS DATE. KANE ALSO
BRINGING TWO VC DEFECTORS FROM VN. GREEN UNQTE INGERSOLL

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